

Sports, Games & SCOREBOARDS

■ Golf Club

Golfers Get into the Swing of the 2016 Season

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Tee Time Procedures

On Thursday, March 31, we resumed the In Season Tee Time Procedures, which were changed slightly from past seasons. This year, they will be implemented as follows: For tee times on Monday, call Saturday; for Tuesday, call Sunday; for Wednesday, call Monday; for Thursday, call Tuesday; for Friday, call Wednesday; for Saturday, call Thursday; and for Sunday, call Friday. The Pro Shop (301-598-1570) will receive calls any time after 7:30 a.m.

The golf shop has resumed its in-season open hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

President's Message

A message from the Club's president, Doug Allston:

Any residents, their family members or their friends can play golf at Leisure World. To play, the resident can call the Golf Shop (301-598-1570) any time after 7:30 a.m. up to three days in advance to make a tee time. Or, a resident can play as a walk-on after 12 p.m. Once we know the family member or friend, they can call the Golf Shop themselves to reserve a tee time. Residents pay \$15 for nine holes or \$22.00 for 18 holes. Guests fees are \$18 and \$25 respectively. This makes us the best golf deal in Montgomery County on weekends. Plus, completing a round will not take five to six hours as it often does on the public courses.

For family and friends of family who are frequent golfers (playing more than three rounds per month from April through October), we have an Associate Program. For \$900 per year they can play unlimited golf and for a few dollars more participate in over 56 competitive golf events.

Ladies' Groups

The two Ladies' groups gathered for their annual separate Welcome Coffees where the 9-Holers were greeted by



Chilly temperatures in early April required a little bundling up, but golfers were drawn to the course to launch the golf season. Mary Ko (left) practices at the driving range, and Richard Falck (right) tees off at the seventh hole. Photos by Maureen Freeman

President Ruth Cougnet. Ruth shared the year's planned in-house events, including the new Bingo, Bango, Bongo format of play, and highlighted the scheduled Home to Home Invitational events, which will include hosting golfers from several nearby courses.

President Pat Lyddane greeted the 18-Hole golfers. Discussion concerning possible guest days, a Breast Cancer Tournament, a 50th Anniversary tour-

namment, and more was lively. Sperry Storm briefed the group about participation in the Maryland Interclub Seniors Golf Association, and Alex reported that the renovation of the locker room is complete, although there are not yet locks for the lockers. Two new Pats were welcomed to the group, Patti Howlin and Pat O'Connor. Alex's spring clinics have been scheduled. Call the Pro Shop for details.

The Executive Women's Golf Association plans its initial tee-off event toward the end of April on a Tuesday at 4 p.m. Contact Brenda Curtis-Heiken at (240-560-6390) or (curtis.heiken@gmail.com) for further information.

Attention All Golfers

Always check in and be ready to play 20 to 30 minutes ahead of your tee time. This is especially important on ABCD days.

Golf Club at a Glance

Whether you're a returning Golf Club member, are thinking of becoming one, or just want to try a few rounds, the 18-hole golf course is open to all residents at any skill or interest level. Here's a breakdown of some of the important information to get you started:

Membership

Members may establish a handicap and participate in club events, which include mixers, twilights and inter-club tournaments.

Not sure if you can commit to a full season? Various trial memberships are available. Before July 1, for example, a resident can begin a three-month trial membership for \$200.

Non-residents can apply to be associate members if they are at least 21 years old and are sponsored by a Leisure World resident.

Fees

- Seasonal (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) Greens – \$800
- Associate Seasonal Greens – \$900

- Daily Residents – \$15 for nine holes; \$22 for 18 holes
- Daily Guests – \$18 for nine holes; \$25 for 18 holes

Golfers also can pay fees for either individual or seasonal use of carts and the driving range located next to the Golf Shop.

Instruction

Experienced golfers looking to hone their skills and beginners alike can benefit from lessons from Alex Lively, the head golf professional. He teaches both individual and group lessons; his clinics begin May 3.

Golf Shop

In addition to selling golf equipment, accessories, shoes, caps and other apparel, the shop provides club fitting and repair services. The shop phone is (301-598-1570).

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